bids. A revised Proposal submitted by DPI in the form of a revised draft License Agreement was placed by CoPT before the Board of Trustees (Board) for perusal and appropriate decision. The revised Proposal bids DPI to implement the ICTT project in a time bound manner subject to CoPT fulfilling the Conditions Precedent and obligations on its part as set out in the revised draft License Agreement. The Board of Trustees of CoPT in its meeting held on 25.11.2004 considered the revised Proposal after taking into account various factors including an assessment of the financial implications of the revised Proposal as placed before it and recommended the revised Proposal to the Government of India for final approval. The request of CoPT for Government approval to the acceptance of the revised Proposal submitted by DPI is under process for obtaining the approval of the Competent Authority.

Port Connectivity project

2352. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated action in setting up special purpose vehicles with NHAI equity to develop port connectivity projects;

(b) if so, the progress thereon;

(c) whether bids have been invited for the New Mangalore Port package;

(d) if so, the likely date of awarding of contract;

(e) whether adequate allocations for 2004-05 have been made for four laning works along the NH-17 stretch in Dakshina Kannada linking Surathkal with Kundapura; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress thereon is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) Bids for civil works for Phase I of the New Mangalore Port Connectivity project for 4 laning of NH-17 (Surathkal-Nantur section), NH-48 (Padil-Bantwal section) and a bypass from Nantur junction on NH-17 to Padil junction of NH-48 were invited and Letter of Acceptance (LoA) to

the lowest bidder has already been issued. However, the LoA was cancelled due to submission of fake bank guarantee by the bidder who has been black listed. The process for invitation of bids has been initiated afresh.

(e) and (f) Stretch in Dakshina Kannada linking Surathkal with Kundapura is proposed to be 4 laned on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis under NHDP Phase III which is yet to be approved by the Government.

Statement

The status of progress of Port Connectivity Project under Special Purpose Vehicle

Sl. No.	Port Connectivity Project	Name of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)	Date of Incorporation with Registrar of Companies, NCT Delhi and Haryana
1.	Mormugao	Mormugao Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Phase I and II	Mumbai-Jawaharlal Nehru Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
3.	Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
4.	Haldia	Calcutta-Haldia Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
5.	Chennai and Ennore	Chennai-Ennore Port Road Co. Ltd.	26.12.2000
6.	Cochin	Cochin Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
7.	Paradip	Paradip Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
8.	Tuticorin	Turicorin Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004
9.	New Mangalore	New Mangalore Port Road Co. Ltd.	19.01.2004

National Highways in Bihar

†2353. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of State roads in Bihar which have been declared as National Highways during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans and the total length of roads which are National Highways at present; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.